# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
# LOK SABHA

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PETROL PUMPS SET UP BY PRIVATE COMPANIES
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of petrol pumps set up by private companies in the country so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that the petrol pump run by the private companies are being closed down due to incurring of losses ;

(c) if so, the number of petrol pumps that have been closed down from 1st Feb., 2011 till date alongwith the details thereof, company-wise and State-wise ; and

(d) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R. P. N. SINGH)

(a): As on 01.08.2011, Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), M/s. Essar Oil Limited (EOL) and M/s. Shell India Marketing Pvt. Limited (SIMPL) have set up 1400, 1381 and 99 Retail Outlets (ROs) respectively in the country.

(b): EOL and SIMPL have informed that they have not closed their ROs since 01.02.2011 till date. RIL has reported that after prolonged period of losses, they had temporarily suspended supplies to all ROs completely in April, 2008. Starting April 2009, RIL has recommissioned select ROs in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Assam. ROs in other states are still in mothballed state and deliveries are still suspended. Revival in these states would be possible post deregulation of pricing of High Speed Diesel by the Government.

(c): RIL has informed that they have decommissioned 29 ROs in the country during the period from 01.02.2011 till date. The State-wise details of ROs closed by RIL are as under :-

| State | Number of ROs |
|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 4 |
| Chhatisgarh | 1 |
| Gujarat | 20 |
| Jharkhand | 1 |
| Maharashtra | 2 |
| West Bengal | 1 |

(d): The private sector oil companies are free to take pricing decisions on commercial considerations and they are not covered under the subsidy sharing mechanism as per the Government Resolution of 8th March, 2002.